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In re Application of

Norio MAEDA et al.

Serial No. 09/936,618

Filed: March 5, 2002

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING
SUBSTRATE

Patent Art Unit: 3749

Examiner: Kathryn S. O Malley

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the July 3, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 15 of this paper. Claims 1-28 are pending, with claims 1, 10, 23 and 28 being the only independent claims.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 22 of this paper and include one (1) attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith are an Amendment and a 3 month extension of time in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS								
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT.		ADDIT.	
					RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	28	- 22	=	6	x09 =	\$	x18 =	\$ 108
INDEP	4	- 3	=	1	x43 =	\$	x86 =	\$ 86
[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM					+145 =	\$	+290 =	\$
					TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$ 194

[X] Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1144.

[X] Applicants petition for a 3-month extension of time and submits the fee of \$950.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

[X] Any additional excess claim fees under 37 CFR 1.16.

[X] Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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